aiworthiness and the aging fleet modifications are also complied with. However, Indian Airlines plans to take over the B737 routes with the induction of new A319/A320 aircraft in a phased manner.

Irregularity of IC-402 from Kolkata to Delhi

739. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that flight IC-402 from Kolkata to Delhi is regularly irregular;

(b) if so, whether Government are also aware that passengers are harassed for four to five hours; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to maintain flight schedules in order to free pasenger from harassment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. All technical delays and cancellations are investigated to identify cause and remedial action is taken immediately. A meeting of the representatives of operating departments at the Regional level is held every day to reveiw previous 24 hours operations. Engineering delays and cancellations are dealt with promptly. At the base station, delays and cancellations are analyzed to identify repetitive nature of snag. In case a repetitive snag is detected, special maintenance action is immediately taken to ensure that the snag does not persist. At the Headquarters level, the punctuality of services is monitored on a daily basis. Airlines are advised to look after passengers for delays/cancellations as per well laid down guidelines.

Setting up of new airports

740. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced the setting up of new airports in some States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria adopted therefor in each States;